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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of claims 29-31 by the Examiner is further noted and appreciated.

Claims 21-31 are pending in the application. Claims 21-28 stand rejected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 28 has been canceled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 21- 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Abe et al in view of Kanno '566.

Claim 21 has been canceled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

The dependencies of claims 22-27 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 29.

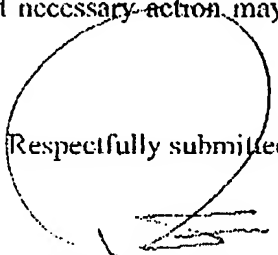
A reconsideration for allowance of claims 22-27 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

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Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 22-27 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of allowed claims 29-31, is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted


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